## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

roperty Name: Girdletree Historic District	Inventory Number: WO-321
ldress:	Historic district: X yes no
City: Girdletree Zip Code: 21829	County: Worcester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Girdletree	
Property Owner:	Tax Account ID Number:
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Tax Map Number	er:
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency	Maryland Historical Trust
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust	
Preparer's Name: Nicole Diehlmann	Date Prepared: 3/17/2004
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form WO-321, as well as individual site for 320, 322, 436.	orms WO-44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 52, 53, 318, 319,
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B	BCDEFG
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource	to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:	
Inventory Number: Eligible:yes	Listed: yes
ite visit by MHT Staff X yes no Name: Nicole Diehlm	ann Date: 3/4/2004
Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)	
Girdletree is a small rural community located in southeastern Worcester Couseat. The crossroads village developed during the second quarter of the 19th centur. The arrival of the Worcester Railroad in 1876 spurred further town growth.  The Girdletree Historic District is comprised of 102 major resources; 83 contracts. The majority of the resources are residential, with a few churches and commercial mix of late 19th and early-20th century architectural styles. Typical structures are and three bays wide, sitting on brick pier or rusticated block foundations, with 2/2 brick chimneys; however, there are also examples of cross-gables and asymmetrical and maintain a fairly consistent setback from the street. The only brick building is a Girdletree is eligible under Criterion C. This rural crossroads village maintain feeling. There are few modern intrusions in the district and despite some minor alterinstallation of synthetic siding, structures in the village maintain their late 19th to esmall grouping of frame commercial structures and brick bank along Maryland Roudistricts for a village of this size in Worcester County.	attribute to the district and 19 do not contribute. Structures. The structures include an eclectic frame, two or two-and-a-half stories in height windows. Most examples are side gabled with all rooflines. The structures sit on large, level lots the 1902 Girdletree Bank (WO-320). Lins its integrity of design, setting, materials and erations such as window replacements and the arly 20th century architectural character. The
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended	
Criteria:AB X CD Considerations:A MHT Comments:	B _ C _ D _ E _ F _ G
Nicole Diehlmann W	ednesday, March 17, 2004
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Peter Kurtze WWW 3	18/04
Reviewer, National Register Program	Date

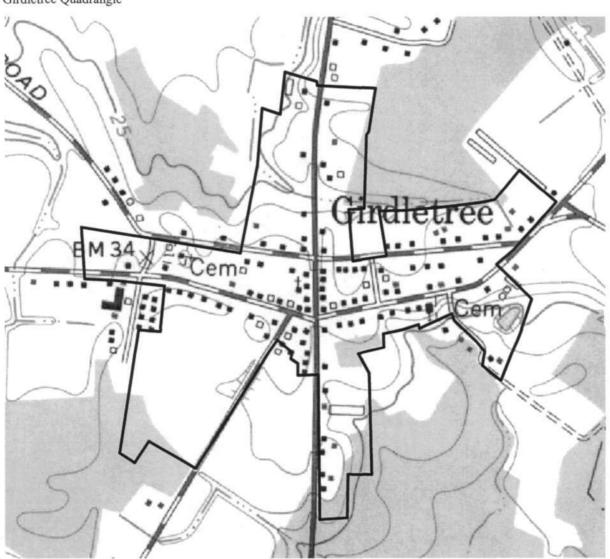
Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
2755 Bird Hill Road	79	212	Contributing	
2758 Bird Hill Road	79	221	Contributing	
2762 Bird Hill Road	79	222	Contributing	
5814 Box Iron Road	79	122	Contributing	
5818 Box Iron Road	79	123	Contributing	
5901 Box Iron Road	79	102	Contributing	
5903 Box Iron Road	79	103	Contributing	
5910 Box Iron Road	79	126	Contributing	
5911 Box Iron Road	79	104	Contributing	
5914 Box Iron Road	79	127	Contributing	
5916 Box Iron Road	79	128	Contributing	
5918 Box Iron Road	79	99	Noncontributing	
5919 Box Iron Road	79	106	Contributing	
5921 Box Iron Road	79	107	Contributing	
5929 Box Iron Road	79	282	Contributing	
5930 Box Iron Road	79	129	Contributing	
5935 Box Iron Road	79	108	Contributing	
5939 Box Iron Road	79	253	Noncontributing	
5945 Box Iron Road	79	110	Contributing	
5959 Box Iron Road	79	81	Contributing	
Dukes Road	79	163	Contributing	
Dukes Road	79	164	Contributing	
5749 Dukes Road	79	153	Noncontributing	
5750 Dukes Road	79	165	Noncontributing	
5804 Dukes Road	79	152	Contributing	
5806 Dukes Road	79	165	Contributing	
5810 Dukes Road	79	166 (?)	Contributing	
5813 Dukes Road	79	94	Noncontributing	

Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
5818 Dukes Road	79	144	Contributing	
5822 Dukes Road	79	167	Contributing	
5715 Olney Road	79	180	Contributing	
5723 Olney Road	79	179	Contributing	
5726 Olney Road	79	204	Contributing	
5728 Olney Road	79	17	Contributing	
5734 Olney Road	79	206	Contributing	
5735 Olney Road	79	272	Noncontributing	
5742 Olney Road	79	207	Contributing	
5746 Olney Road	79	208	Contributing	
5747 Olney Road	79	273	Noncontributing	
5748 Olney Road	79	209	Contributing	
5801 Olney Road	79	178	Noncontributing	
5806 Olney Road	79	165	Noncontributing	
5806 Olney Road	79	210	Contributing	
5807 Olney Road	79	177	Contributing	
5812 Olney Road	79	211	Contributing	
5815 Olney Road	79	175	Contributing	
2812 Pine Street	79	125	Contributing	
2815 Pine (Box Iron Road?) Street	79		Contributing	
Snow Hill Road (? between 2706 & 264?)	79		Contributing	
Snow Hill Road	79	243	Contributing	
Snow Hill Road	79	246	Contributing	
Snow Hill Road	79	225,228	Noncontributing	
Snow Hill Road	79	169,170,17	Contributing	
Snow Hill Road	79	66	Contributing	
2010 Snow Hill Road	79	59	Noncontributing	
2416 Snow Hill Road	79	250	Contributing	

Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
2640 Snow Hill Road	79	234	Contributing	
2642 Snow Hill Road	79	235	Contributing	
2646 Snow Hill Road	79	236	Noncontributing	
2706 Snow Hill Road	79	237	Contributing	
2720 Snow Hill Road	79	238	Contributing	
2727 Snow Hill Road	79	229	Contributing	
2728 Snow Hill Road	79	239	Contributing	
2740 Snow Hill Road	79	240	Noncontributing	
2744 Snow Hill Road	79	277	Noncontributing	
2801 Snow Hill Road	79	12	Contributing	
2808 Snow Hill Road	79	247	Contributing	
810 Snow Hill Road	79	248	Contributing	
2811 Snow Hill Road	79	168	Contributing	
2812 Snow Hill Road	79	249	Contributing	
2824 Snow Hill Road	79	15	Contributing	
2827 Snow Hill Road	79	95	Contributing	
2830 Snow Hill Road	79	14	Contributing	
2838 Snow Hill Road	79	58	Contributing	
2839 Snow Hill Road	79	150	Contributing	
2904 Snow Hill Road	79	255	Noncontributing	
907 Snow Hill Road	79	57	Contributing	
2919 Snow Hill Road	79	292	Contributing	
2924 Snow Hill Road	79	61	Contributing	
2930 Snow Hill Road	79	62	Noncontributing	
2936 Snow Hill Road	79	63	Contributing	
3004 Snow Hill Road	79	64	Contributing	
8008 Snow Hill Road	79	65	Contributing	
817 Snow Hill Road	79	93	Contributing	

Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
Taylor Landing Road	79	136	Contributing	
5807 Taylor Landing Road	79	135	Contributing	
5808 Taylor Landing Road	79	138	Contributing	
5809 Taylor Landing Road	79	134	Contributing	
5811 Taylor Landing Road	79	133	Contributing	
5812 Taylor Landing Road	79	256	Contributing	
5814 Taylor Landing Road	79	139	Contributing	
5818 Taylor Landing Road	79	291	Contributing	
5901 Taylor Landing Road	79	132	Contributing	
5902 Taylor Landing Road	79	141	Contributing	
5903 Taylor Landing Road	79	131	Contributing	
5904 Taylor Landing Road	79	142	Contributing	
5910 Taylor Landing Road	79	143	Contributing	
5912 Taylor Landing Road	79	143	Noncontributing	
5913 Taylor Landing Road	79	130	Contributing	
5919 Taylor Landing Road	79	128	Noncontributing	
5925 Taylor Landing Road	79	269	Noncontributing	
5934 Taylor Landing Road	79	3	Contributing	

WO-321 Girdletree Historic District (Girdle Tree Hill) Girdletree Quadrangle





WO-321 Landing North Side of Toularstanding Road Girdletree Historic District Worcester Co, MD Nicole Dehlmann 3/4/04 MI SHPO Facing East #1044



WO-321 South Side Taylor's Landing Road Girdletree Historic District

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WO-321 Snow Hill Road (RI. 12) Girdletree Historic District Worcester Co. MS Nicola Diehlmann 3/4/2004 MA SHOO Looking North from Box Iron Read #3 of 4



WO-321 Warehouse Girdletree Historic District Worcester County MN Nicole Liehlmann 6/2/04 MASHRO Looking East #4044

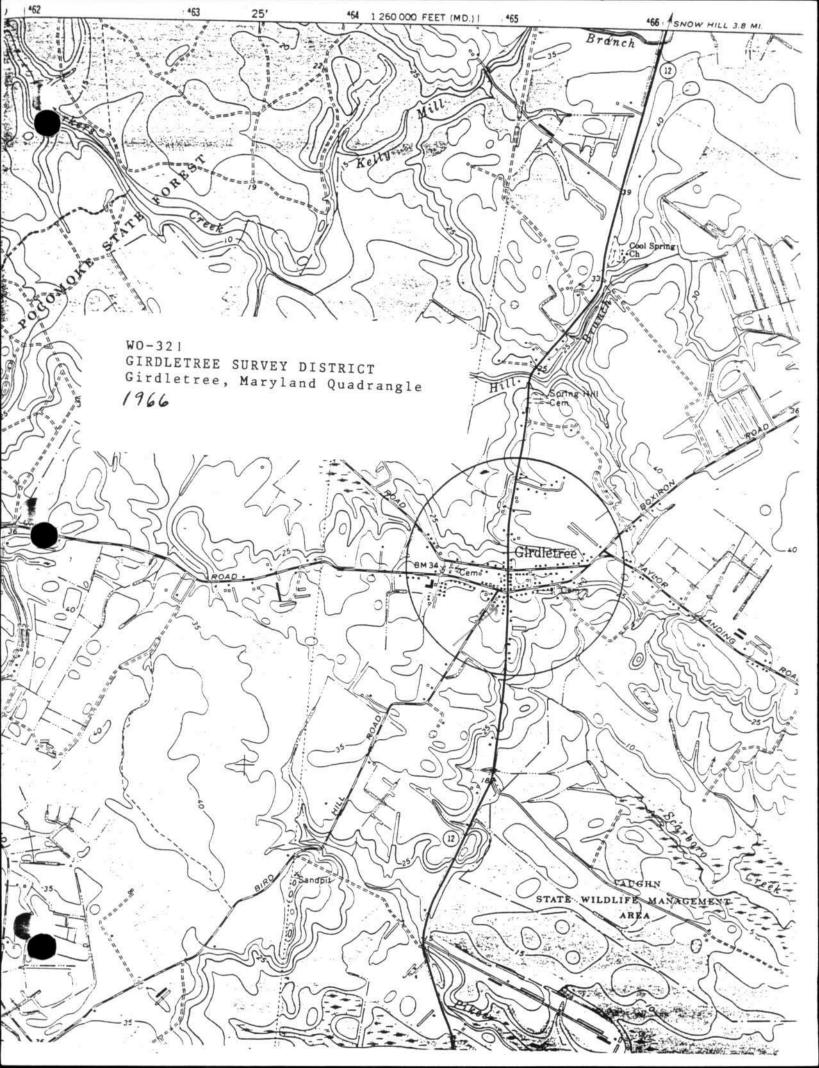
WO-321 Girdletree Survey District Girdltree Public and private

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Perhaps the most significant boost to the region's economy was the completion of the Worcester Railroad from Snow Hill to Franklin City, Virginia on April 7, 1876. Concurrently, the seafood export business expanded with exploitation of Chincotegue bay shellfish. Girdletree was the closest shipping point for oysters, crab, and fish brought in by The Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, watermen to Taylors Landing. published in 1877, recorded the size of the village at the time. village map includes over a dozen dwellings, four stores, a steam saw mill, a railroad depot, two churches, and a public school. By the late nineteenth century the village had grown to include a population of 255. So prosperous was the area during the early twentieth century that area businessmen were encouraged to organize a local bank. On January 2, 1902, the Wicomico News announced that the new bank of George L. Barnes & Co. had opened its doors. The prospects in shipping local produce, fruit as well as vegetables, proved so promising that seven different canneries are known to have operated in Girdletree and its vicinity during the early twentieth century. Two of the longest operating

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firms were run by Clayton J. Scarborough and W. T. Onley. Unfortunately, like many small rural villages, the economic prosperity faded with the stock market failure in 1929 and the ensuing Depression. The bank was forced to close during the 1930s, and many of the canning operations ceased to function. Since World War II Girdletree has remained fixed largely in size and population.



#### HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name	: GIRAL	ETREE	- Lu	RVEY	DISTRICT
MHT Inventory	Number:	Wo-	321	R	

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE REZIGION TRANSPORTANON Commence Community Permany AGRICULTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SITORE

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

RURAL AGRACIAN INTENSIFICATION Resource Type (s):

1. Luwey DISTRICT

A. SINGLE - FAMILY DWELLING

B. CHURCUES

C RAILKIAM STATIONS

D. COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

E. SUPPORT BUILDINGS

Survey No. W0-321

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DOE \_\_yes \_\_no

## Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Nam	e (indicate pr	eferred name)		
historic	GIRDLE TREE	HILL		
and/or common	GIRDLETREE			
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	Intersection	of MD Rte 12 and	Boxiron Road _	not for publication
city, town	Girdletree	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state	Maryland	county	First	
3. Clas	sification			
Category  X district building(s) structure site object	Ownership  _X_ public  _x_ private  both  Public Acquisition  in process  being considered _x not applicable	Status _X_occupiedunoccupiedwork in progress Accessible _X_yes: restricted _X_yes: unrestrictedno	Present Use agriculture _x commercial educational entertainment _x government industrial military	museum park x private residence x religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names ar	d mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Various owne	rs		
street & number			telephone no	·:
city, town		state	and zip code	
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Description	n	
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city, town	Snow Hill		state	MD 21863
6. Repi	resentation	in Existing	Historical Surv	eys
title				
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### 7. Description

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unexposed

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X original site

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Girdletree, historically known as Girdle Tree Hill, is located in southeastern Worcester County at the intersection of MD Route 12 and Onley and Boxiron roads approximately five (5) miles south of Snow Hill. The survey district containing one-hundred (100) contributing buildings dating between 1860 and 1940.

Girdletree is a modest sized rural village that has retained a large degree of its historic integrity. Centered in the village along Route 12 is an intact commercial row of late nineteenth and early century buildings including an early twentieth century brick bank. Other buildings of sigificance include two churches, the old passenger station (moved), the freight station, as well as several score of houses and a few accompanying outbuildings. Few intrusions have been introduced aside from a new post office and a fire station.

The dwellings that define Girdletree date largely from the fourth quarter of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Much of the domestic design follows vernacular two-and-a-half story cross-gabled I-house forms, or ell and tee-shaped Victorian plans. For the most part, these two story houses are embellished with a minimum of exterior decoration aside from eave brackets or turned post porches. A few houses in Girdletree follow the regional stepped or "telescope" form with three distinct roof levels. Also contributing to the district are a number of early twentieth century bungalows or Colonial Revival style dwellings.

Perhaps the most unusual survivals in Girdletree are the passenger and freight stations. The passenger station was moved a short distance and converted to office space. On the other hand the freight depot has remained largely intact.

The two churches in the village include the Girdletree Methodist Church, a third quarter of the nineteenth century structure that has been enlarged with a bell tower and front addition. The other church is the historic black congregation of the village. Labeled the "M. E. Church, 1868-1890," the single-story frame house of worship now houses a congregation known as the "Church of God of Prophecy."

		heck and justify below community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlement x industry invention		religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater x transportation other (specify)
Specific	dates	Builder/Architect		-
check:	Applicable Criteria:A and/or Applicable Exception:A Level of Significance:		E _F _G x local	

Survey No. W0-321

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Girdletree, Maryland is an architecturally signficant rural village located in southern Worcester County. The crossroads village, located about six miles south of Snow Hill and two miles northwest of Chincoteague Bay, contains approximately one-hundred (100) structures, dating between 1860 and 1940, that contribute to the historic nature of the village. The commercial district, comprising a handful of frame stores and a unused brick bank, is one of the most complete in Worcester County for this size village. Also important is the survival of the passenger and freight stations formerly associated with the Worcester Railroad. The passenger station has been moved a short distance and converted to office space. The freight station is distinctive for its open-ended, but sheltered platform and its original board-and-batten siding. This is the only freight station of this type surviving on the lower Eastern Shore.

The houses that mark the main and side streets of Girdletree offer an interesting mix of mid to late nineteenth and early twentieth century architectural forms. Most prevalent are the two-and-a-half story cross-gabled I-houses with single or two-story rear wings. The village also contains a number of asymmetrically planned dwellings with T- or L-shaped main blocks. A few stepped or "telescope" houses add to the distinctive regional character of the village.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

8. Significance

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organization	Worcester County	date 3	/12/90	
street & number	Worcester County Cour	thouse telephone	301-632-1194	
city or town	Snow Hill	state	MD 21863	

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

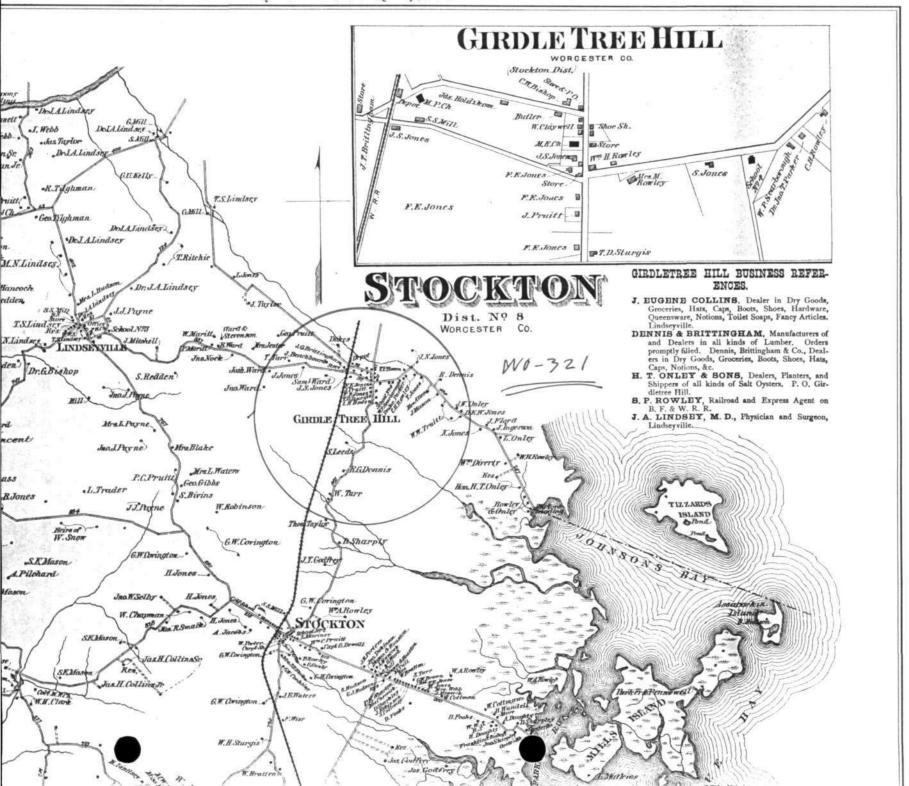
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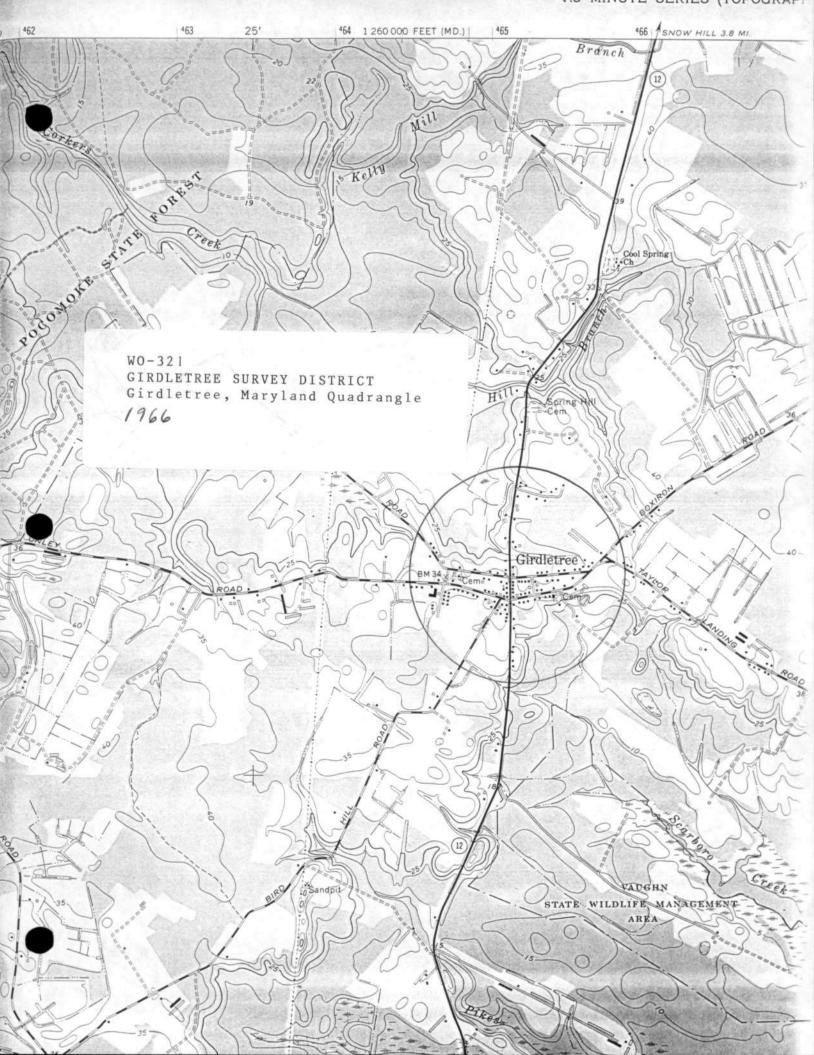
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GIRDLETREE SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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# CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: 2750 Bird Hill Road	Survey Number: WO- 2/
Property Address: 2750 Bird Hill County	Road, Girdletree, Worcester
Project: CDBG/Rehab	Agency: WO Co. Housing
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name	Date
District Name: Girdletree Historic District	Survey Number: WO-321
ListedX_ Eligible	Comment
Criteria:AB _X_CD Considerations:	ABCDEFGNone
The resource x contributes/ does not cont historic district in: X Location X Design X	Setting Materials
X Workmanship X Feeling X	Association
Justification for decision: (Use continuation	sheet if necessary and attach map)
The property located at 2750 Bird Hill Road i potentially located within the boundaries of a Na Girdletree, Maryland is an architecturally signif 00 structures dating between 1860 and 1930. The a dense and intact group of commercial structures centuries, as well as two churches, the old p multiple houses and their associated outbuilding. The 1-1/2-story frame dwelling at 2750 Bird Hill though it has been altered by additions and new mould be considered an historic resource within research is necessary to delineate the boundaries.	ational Register-eligible historic district. Ficant rural village containing approximately a crossroads village includes, most notably, a that date from the late 19th and early 20th bassenger station, freight station as well gs.  Road is located near the center of town and, materials, including siding and new windows, in the historic district. However, further
Documentation on the property is presented in:Re	eview and Compliance
Prepared by: Paul Touart, Architectural Historian	
Kim Prothro Williams Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	2/21/96 Date
Output Polymer no no	2-26-96.
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I.	Geographic Region:	
_X	Eastern Shore Western Shore Piedmont	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
	Western Maryland	Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)
II.	Chronological/Developmental Pe	eriods:
	Paleo-Indian Early Archaic Middle Archaic Late Archaic Early Woodland Middle Woodland Late Woodland/Archaic Contact and Settlement Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transi Industrial/Urban Dominance Modern Period Unknown Period ( prehisto	A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Present
III.	Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:
	Subsistence Settlement  Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaption	Agriculture  X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation
v. 1	Resource Type:	
	Category: <u>Building</u>	
	Historic Environment: Village	
	Historic Function(s) and Use(s	s): Domestic/Single Dwelling
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	Known Design Source:	



2750 BIRD HILL RD

GIRDLETREE

SOUTH ELEVATION



2750 BIRD HILL RD GIRDLETREE

WEST ELEVATION